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FEE TRANSMITTAL**For FY 2006** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 700.00**Complete If Known**

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	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEESFee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small EntityFee (\$) 50 Fee (\$) 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

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Multiple Dependent ClaimsFee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

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AMENDMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents:

In response to the Office action dated November 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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